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SUBJECT: MEETING OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF UNCSTD

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1. SUMMARY. FIVE CANADIANS WILL BE ATTENDING PREPCOM MEETING STARTING JANUARY 23 AND A SIXTH WILL JOIN DELEGATION DURING SECOND WEEK. GOC AGREES WITH IDEA OF LIMITING NUMBER OF SUBJECTS AND WITH U.S. POSITION THAT FOCUS SHOULD BE ON MECHANISMS BY WHICH S&T CAPABILITIES CAN BE STRENGTHENED IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO MEET THEIR ESSENTIAL NEEDS. FIRST DRAFT OF CANADIAN NATIONAL PAPER PUT TOGETHER AT END OF DECEMBER AND GOC THINKS IT WILL MEET THE MAY 1, 1978 DEADLINE. CANADA HAS NOT YET ADOPTED DEFINITE APPROACH TO BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS BUT THINKS U.S. LIST IN REFTEL INCLUDES MOST INTERESTED AND INFLUENTIAL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. CANADIAN DELEGATION LOOKS FORWARD TO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON REFTEL TOPICS WITH U.S. DELEGATION IN GENEVA. END SUMMARY.

2. THE TEXT OF CANADIAN REPLY PREPARED BY H.D. PEEL TO  
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QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL IS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT. THE CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THIS SECOND SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE WILL BE THE FOLLOWING:

1. H.D. PEEL, DIRECTOR, INDUSTRY, INVESTMENT AND COMPETITION POLICY DIVISION, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, HEAD

OF DELEGATION. AS CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL STEERING COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH CANADIAN PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE, I HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE CANADIAN "NATIONAL FOCAL POINT".

2. J.K.B. KINSMAN, COUNSELLOR, PERMANENT MISSION OF CANADA TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK.

3. RICHARD W. BURKART, POLICY INSTITUTIONS, MULTILATERAL PROGRAMS BRANCH, CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

4. HELEN STEINBERG, INTERNATIONAL DIVISION, MINISTRY OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

5. YVON BOUTHILLETTE, INDUSTRY, INVESTMENT AND COMPETITION POLICY DIVISION, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, THE CONFERENCE.

D.A.W. JUDD, INTERNATIONAL DIVISION, MINISTRY OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WILL ALSO JOIN DELEGATION DURING SECOND WEEK OF SESSION.

ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR SECOND SESSION, IT APPEARS THAT SELECTION OF SUBJECT AREAS WILL BE MAIN FOCUS OF DISCUSSIONS IN GENEVA. WE HAVE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION AN IMPLICIT CONSENSUS IN VARIOUS U.N. REGIONAL ECONOMIC UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMISSIONS. WE, THEREFORE, CONSIDER THAT NO MAJOR PROBLEM IS LIKELY TO BE RAISED IN REACHING AN AGREED LIST. THROUGH CHOICE AND DEFINITION OF THESE SUBJECT AREAS, HOWEVER, CANADIAN DELEGATION HOPES, IN AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN POSITION, THAT DISCUSSIONS AT CONFERENCE WILL BE MORE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITIES OF DEVELOPING STRENGTHENED IN ORDER TO MEET ESSENTIAL NEEDS OF THEIR POPULATIONS.

WITH RESPECT TO DRAFTING OF NATIONAL PAPERS, VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF CANADIAN PAPER WERE PUT TOGETHER IN A FIRST DRAFT AT END OF DECEMBER. ALTHOUGH PRESENT FORM AND CONTENT OF PAPER WILL HAVE TO BE CHANGED IN ORDER TO GIVE IT MORE COHESION AND REDUCE ITS LENGTH, WE THINK WE ARE IN A POSITION TO MEET MAY 1, 1978 DEADLINE. HOWEVER, CANADA IS FULLY AWARE THAT MANY COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY IN DEVELOPING WORLD, HAVE HAD PROBLEMS IN BEGINNING THEIR PREPARATIONS AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO AGREE TO A POSTPONEMENT OF DEADLINE. SECRETARY GENERAL OF CONFERENCE HAS EXPRESSED VIEW THAT NATIONAL PAPER EXERCISE COULD BE WORKED OUT, IN SOME WAY, PARALLEL WITH DRAFTING OF REGIONAL PAPERS AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT MORE OF THEMES SUGGESTED BY AGREED

SUBJECT AREAS. WE DO NOT FORESEE ANY SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES  
IN ACCEPTING THESE VIEWS IF THEY ARE PRESENTED WITHIN A  
COHERENT PLAN OF WORK WITH OTHER ASPECTS OF PREPARATIONS  
FROM NOW TO TIME OF CONFERENCE ITSELF.

ALTHOUGH CANADIAN DELEGATION AGREES THAT SECOND MEETING  
OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE WILL OFFER A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR  
BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS, IT HAS NOT ADOPTED ANY DEFINITE  
APPROACH FOR SUCH CONSULTATIONS, NOR HAS CANADA TAKEN ANY  
SPECIFIC BILATERAL INITIATIVE IN GENERAL CONTEXT OF ITS  
PREPARATIONS FOR CONFERENCE. LIST OF COUNTRIES WHICH  
U.S.A. DELEGATION PLANS TO MEET SEEMS, TO US AS WELL, TO  
INCLUDE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT ARE MOST INTERESTED  
AND INFLUENTIAL IN PREPARATIONS FOR CONFERENCE. CANADIAN  
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DELEGATION WILL CERTAINLY LISTEN WITH INTEREST TO POSI-  
TIONS AND VIEWS EXPRESSED BY DELEGATES OF THESE COUNTRIES,  
TOGETHER PERHAPS WITH VIEWS EXPRESSED BY REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES WITH WHICH CANADA HAS DEVELOPED  
CONSISTENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.

I MIGHT MENTION, IN CONCLUSION, THAT WE ARE RATHER CON-

CERNED BY LACK OF ANY REAL INDICATION, AT THIS STAGE OF PREPARATIONS, OF MAJOR ISSUES OF SUBSTANCE THAT ARE LIKELY TO EMERGE AT CONFERENCE AND OF SECRETARIAT'S WORK ON THESE AND RELATED UNCSTD AGENDA ITEMS. CANADIAN DELEGATION, THEREFORE, HOPES THAT PRESENTATION OF SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORTS WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN CLARIFICATION ON THESE ASPECTS AND TO PRESS, IF NECESSARY, FOR STRENGTHENING OF WORK PLAN FROM NOW TO CONFERENCE ITSELF. END OF TEXT. ENDERS

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